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60 Day Request for Extension of Time to Oppose for Good Cause

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 2.102, NOVARTIS AG, Lichtstrasse 35, Basel, CH-4056, SWITZERLAND respectfully requests that he/she/it be granted an additional 60-day extension of time to file a notice of opposition against the above-identified mark for cause shown .

Potential opposer believes that good cause is established for this request by:

• The potential opposer needs additional time to investigate the claim

The time within which to file a notice of opposition is set to expire on 05/15/2004. NOVARTIS AG respectfully requests that the time period within which to file an opposition be extended until 07/14/2004.

Respectfully submitted, /steven h hartman/ 05/13/2004

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